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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Dedicated Bus Lanes – Prohibition and Monitoring Systems**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from driving a motor vehicle in a dedicated bus
4 lane unless authorized by a local jurisdiction, subject to certain exceptions;
5 authorizing Baltimore City to use, in accordance with certain standards and
6 procedures, a bus lane monitoring system to enforce the prohibition against driving a
7 motor vehicle in a designated bus lane; providing that the driver of a motor vehicle
8 recorded unlawfully driving in a dedicated bus lane in Baltimore City is subject to
9 a civil penalty unless the driver received a citation from a police officer at the time
10 of the violation; authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to refuse to register
11 or reregister a motor vehicle if a civil penalty for a recorded violation is not paid and
12 the violation is not contested; and generally relating to a prohibition on the operation
13 of motor vehicles in designated bus lanes and the use of bus lane monitoring systems.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
16 Section 4–401(13), 7–302(e), and 10–311
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
20 Article – Transportation
21 Section 21–101(a)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

24 BY adding to
25 Article – Transportation
26 Section 21–101(i–1), 21–1133, and 21–1134
27 Annotated Code of Maryland

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

4–401.

Except as provided in § 4–402 of this subtitle, and subject to the venue provisions of Title 6 of this article, the District Court has exclusive original civil jurisdiction in:

(13) A proceeding for a civil infraction under § 21–202.1, § 21–704.1, § 21–706.1, § 21–809, § 21–810, **§ 21–1134**, or § 24–111.3 of the Transportation Article or § 10–112 of the Criminal Law Article;

7–302.

(e) (1) **(I)** A citation issued pursuant to § 21–202.1, § 21–706.1, § 21–809, § 21–810, **§ 21–1134**, or § 24–111.3 of the Transportation Article shall provide that the person receiving the citation may elect to stand trial by notifying the issuing agency of the person’s intention to stand trial at least 5 days prior to the date of payment as set forth in the citation.

(II) On receipt of the notice to stand trial, the agency shall forward to the District Court having venue a copy of the citation and a copy of the notice from the person who received the citation indicating the person’s intention to stand trial.

(III) On receipt thereof, the District Court shall schedule the case for trial and notify the defendant of the trial date under procedures adopted by the Chief Judge of the District Court.

(2) **(I)** A citation issued as the result of a vehicle height monitoring system, a traffic control signal monitoring system, or a speed monitoring system, including a work zone speed control system, controlled by a political subdivision [or], a school bus monitoring camera, **OR A BUS LANE MONITORING SYSTEM** shall provide that, in an uncontested case, the penalty shall be paid directly to that political subdivision.

(II) A citation issued as the result of a traffic control signal monitoring system or a work zone speed control system controlled by a State agency, or as a result of a vehicle height monitoring system, a traffic control signal monitoring system, a speed monitoring system, [or] a school bus monitoring camera, **OR A BUS LANE MONITORING SYSTEM** in a case contested in District Court, shall provide that the penalty shall be paid directly to the District Court.

(3) Civil penalties resulting from citations issued using a vehicle height

1 monitoring system, traffic control signal monitoring system, speed monitoring system,
2 work zone speed control system, [or] school bus monitoring camera, **OR BUS LANE**
3 **MONITORING SYSTEM** that are collected by the District Court shall be collected in
4 accordance with subsection (a) of this section and distributed in accordance with § 12–118
5 of the Transportation Article.

6 (4) (i) From the fines collected by a political subdivision as a result of
7 violations enforced by speed monitoring systems [or], school bus monitoring cameras, **OR**
8 **BUS LANE MONITORING SYSTEMS**, a political subdivision:

9 1. May recover the costs of implementing and administering
10 the speed monitoring systems [or], school bus monitoring cameras, **OR BUS LANE**
11 **MONITORING SYSTEMS**; and

12 2. Subject to subparagraphs (ii), (iii), and (iv) of this
13 paragraph, may spend any remaining balance solely for public safety purposes, including
14 pedestrian safety programs.

15 (ii) 1. For any fiscal year, if the balance remaining from the fines
16 collected by a political subdivision as a result of violations enforced by speed monitoring
17 systems, after the costs of implementing and administering the systems are recovered in
18 accordance with subparagraph (i)1 of this paragraph, is greater than 10% of the total
19 revenues of the political subdivision for the fiscal year, the political subdivision shall remit
20 any funds that exceed 10% of the total revenues to the Comptroller.

21 2. The Comptroller shall deposit any money remitted under
22 this subparagraph to the General Fund of the State.

23 (iii) The fines collected by Prince George's County as a result of
24 violations enforced by speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 210 shall be remitted
25 to the Comptroller for distribution to the State Highway Administration to be used solely
26 to assist in covering the costs of:

27 1. Examining the engineering, infrastructure, and other
28 relevant factors that may contribute to safety issues on Maryland Route 210 in Prince
29 George's County;

30 2. Reporting its findings and recommendations on any
31 solutions to these safety issues; and

32 3. Implementing any solutions to these safety issues.

33 (iv) 1. From the fines collected by Baltimore City as a result of
34 violations enforced by speed monitoring systems on Interstate 83, any balance remaining
35 after the allocation of fines under subparagraph (i)1 of this paragraph shall be remitted to
36 the Comptroller for distribution to the Baltimore City Department of Transportation to be

1 used solely to assist in covering the cost of roadway improvements on Interstate 83 in
2 Baltimore City.

3 2. Fines remitted to the Baltimore City Department of
4 Transportation under [subparagraph (iv)1 of this paragraph] **SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 1 OF**
5 **THIS SUBPARAGRAPH** are supplemental to and are not intended to take the place of
6 funding that would otherwise be appropriated for uses described under [subparagraph (iv)1
7 of this paragraph] **SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH**.

8 (v) From the fines collected by Anne Arundel County as a result of
9 violations enforced by speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 175 (Jessup Road)
10 between the Maryland Route 175/295 interchange and the Anne Arundel
11 County–Howard County line, any balance remaining after the allocation of fines under
12 subparagraph (i)1 of this paragraph shall be remitted to the Comptroller for distribution to
13 the State Highway Administration to be used solely to assist in covering the cost of speed
14 reduction measures and roadway and pedestrian safety improvements on Maryland Route
15 175 (Jessup Road) between the Maryland Route 175/295 interchange and the Anne Arundel
16 County–Howard County line.

17 (5) From the fines collected by Baltimore City as a result of violations
18 enforced by vehicle height monitoring systems, Baltimore City may:

19 (i) Recover the costs of implementing and administering the vehicle
20 height monitoring systems; and

21 (ii) Spend the remaining balance solely on roadway improvements.

22 10–311.

23 (a) A recorded image of a motor vehicle produced by a traffic control signal
24 monitoring system in accordance with § 21–202.1 of the Transportation Article is
25 admissible in a proceeding concerning a civil citation issued under that section for a
26 violation of § 21–202(h) of the Transportation Article without authentication.

27 (b) A recorded image of a motor vehicle produced by a speed monitoring system
28 in accordance with § 21–809 or § 21–810 of the Transportation Article is admissible in a
29 proceeding concerning a civil citation issued under that section for a violation of Title 21,
30 Subtitle 8 of the Transportation Article without authentication.

31 (c) A recorded image of a motor vehicle produced by a school bus monitoring
32 camera in accordance with § 21–706.1 of the Transportation Article is admissible in a
33 proceeding concerning a civil citation issued under that section for a violation of § 21–706
34 of the Transportation Article without authentication.

35 (d) A recorded image of a motor vehicle produced by a vehicle height monitoring
36 system in accordance with § 24–111.3 of the Transportation Article is admissible in a
37 proceeding concerning a civil citation issued under that section for a violation of a State or

1 local law restricting the presence of certain vehicles during certain times without
2 authentication.

3 (e) **A RECORDED IMAGE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE PRODUCED BY A BUS LANE**
4 **MONITORING SYSTEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 21-1134 OF THE TRANSPORTATION**
5 **ARTICLE IS ADMISSIBLE IN A PROCEEDING CONCERNING A CIVIL CITATION ISSUED**
6 **UNDER THAT SECTION FOR A VIOLATION OF § 21-1133 OF THE TRANSPORTATION**
7 **ARTICLE WITHOUT AUTHENTICATION.**

8 (F) In any other judicial proceeding, a recorded image produced by a vehicle
9 height monitoring system, traffic control signal monitoring system, speed monitoring
10 system, work zone speed control system, [or] school bus monitoring camera, **OR BUS LANE**
11 **MONITORING SYSTEM** is admissible as otherwise provided by law.

12 Article – Transportation

13 21-101.

14 (a) In this title and Title 25 of this article the following words have the meanings
15 indicated.

16 (I-1) **“DEDICATED BUS LANE” MEANS A LANE DESIGNATED FOR USE BY MASS**
17 **TRANSIT VEHICLES OWNED, OPERATED, OR CONTRACTED FOR BY THE MARYLAND**
18 **TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OR A LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.**

19 **21-1133.**

20 (A) **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON**
21 **MAY NOT DRIVE A VEHICLE IN A DEDICATED BUS LANE UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY THE**
22 **LOCAL JURISDICTION IN WHICH THE DEDICATED BUS LANE IS LOCATED.**

23 (B) **THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES MAY BE DRIVEN IN A DEDICATED BUS LANE:**

24 (1) **A TRANSIT VEHICLE OWNED, OPERATED, OR CONTRACTED FOR BY**
25 **THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OR A LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF**
26 **TRANSPORTATION;**

27 (2) **A SCHOOL BUS;**

28 (3) **A BICYCLE;**

29 (4) **AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE; AND**

30 (5) **A VEHICLE MAKING A RIGHT TURN AT THE NEXT IMMEDIATE**

1 INTERSECTION.

2 21-1134.

3 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
4 INDICATED.

5 (2) "BUS LANE MONITORING SYSTEM" MEANS AN ENFORCEMENT
6 SYSTEM THAT IS DESIGNED TO CAPTURE A RECORDED IMAGE OF A DRIVER OF A
7 MOTOR VEHICLE COMMITTING A VIOLATION.

8 (3) "BUS LANE MONITORING SYSTEM OPERATOR" MEANS A
9 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT OR A
10 CONTRACTOR THAT OPERATES A BUS LANE MONITORING SYSTEM.

11 (4) (I) "OWNER" MEANS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF A MOTOR
12 VEHICLE OR A LESSEE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE UNDER A LEASE OF 6 MONTHS OR
13 MORE.

14 (II) "OWNER" DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- 15 1. A MOTOR VEHICLE LEASING COMPANY; OR
- 16 2. A HOLDER OF A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE
17 ISSUED UNDER TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 9, PART III OF THIS ARTICLE.

18 (5) "RECORDED IMAGE" MEANS AN IMAGE RECORDED BY A BUS LANE
19 MONITORING SYSTEM:

20 (I) ON:

- 21 1. A PHOTOGRAPH;
- 22 2. A MICROPHOTOGRAPH;
- 23 3. AN ELECTRONIC IMAGE;
- 24 4. VIDEOTAPE; OR
- 25 5. ANY OTHER VISUAL MEDIUM; AND

26 (II) SHOWING A MOTOR VEHICLE AND, ON AT LEAST ONE IMAGE
27 OR PORTION OF THE RECORDING, CLEARLY IDENTIFYING THE REGISTRATION PLATE

1 NUMBER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE.

2 (6) "VIOLATION" MEANS A VIOLATION OF § 21-1133 OF THIS
3 SUBTITLE.

4 (B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN BALTIMORE CITY.

5 (C) (1) BALTIMORE CITY MAY USE A BUS LANE MONITORING SYSTEM
6 THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION TO RECORD THE IMAGES OF
7 MOTOR VEHICLES TRAVELING IN A BUS LANE.

8 (2) A BUS LANE MONITORING SYSTEM MAY BE USED ONLY:

9 (I) WHEN BEING OPERATED BY A BUS LANE MONITORING
10 SYSTEM OPERATOR; AND

11 (II) IF, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MARYLAND MANUAL ON
12 UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, A CONSPICUOUS ROAD SIGN IS PLACED AT
13 A REASONABLE DISTANCE CONSISTENT WITH NATIONAL GUIDELINES BEFORE THE
14 BUS LANE ALERTING DRIVERS THAT A BUS LANE MONITORING SYSTEM MAY BE IN
15 OPERATION IN THE BUS LANE.

16 (3) A BUS LANE MONITORING SYSTEM MAY BE USED TO RECORD ONLY
17 THE IMAGES OF VEHICLES THAT ARE TRAVELING IN A BUS LANE.

18 (D) (1) (I) A BUS LANE MONITORING SYSTEM OPERATOR SHALL
19 COMPLETE TRAINING BY THE MANUFACTURER OF THE BUS LANE MONITORING
20 SYSTEM IN THE PROCEDURES FOR SETTING UP, TESTING, AND OPERATING THE BUS
21 LANE MONITORING SYSTEM.

22 (II) ON COMPLETION OF THE TRAINING, THE MANUFACTURER
23 SHALL ISSUE A SIGNED CERTIFICATE TO THE BUS LANE MONITORING SYSTEM
24 OPERATOR.

25 (III) THE CERTIFICATE OF TRAINING SHALL BE ADMITTED AS
26 EVIDENCE IN ANY COURT PROCEEDING FOR A VIOLATION.

27 (2) A BUS LANE MONITORING SYSTEM OPERATOR SHALL FILL OUT
28 AND SIGN A DAILY SET-UP LOG FOR EACH BUS LANE MONITORING SYSTEM THAT:

29 (I) STATES THE DATE AND TIME WHEN THE SYSTEM WAS SET
30 UP;

1 **(II) STATES THAT THE BUS LANE MONITORING SYSTEM**
2 **OPERATOR SUCCESSFULLY PERFORMED, AND THE DEVICE PASSED, THE**
3 **MANUFACTURER-SPECIFIED SELF-TESTS OF THE BUS LANE MONITORING SYSTEM**
4 **BEFORE PRODUCING A RECORDED IMAGE;**

5 **(III) SHALL BE KEPT ON FILE; AND**

6 **(IV) SHALL BE ADMITTED AS EVIDENCE IN ANY COURT**
7 **PROCEEDING FOR A VIOLATION.**

8 **(E) (1) A BUS LANE MONITORING SYSTEM SHALL UNDERGO AN ANNUAL**
9 **CALIBRATION CHECK PERFORMED BY AN INDEPENDENT CALIBRATION**
10 **LABORATORY.**

11 **(2) THE INDEPENDENT CALIBRATION LABORATORY SHALL ISSUE A**
12 **SIGNED CERTIFICATE OF CALIBRATION AFTER THE ANNUAL CALIBRATION CHECK**
13 **THAT:**

14 **(I) SHALL BE KEPT ON FILE; AND**

15 **(II) SHALL BE ADMITTED AS EVIDENCE IN ANY COURT**
16 **PROCEEDING FOR A VIOLATION OF § 21-1133 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

17 **(F) (1) UNLESS THE DRIVER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE RECEIVED A**
18 **CITATION FROM A POLICE OFFICER AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION, THE OWNER**
19 **OR, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (I)(5) OF THIS SECTION, THE DRIVER OF A**
20 **MOTOR VEHICLE IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY IF THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS**
21 **RECORDED BY A BUS LANE MONITORING SYSTEM DURING THE COMMISSION OF A**
22 **VIOLATION.**

23 **(2) A CIVIL PENALTY UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT EXCEED \$100.**

24 **(3) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE DISTRICT COURT SHALL**
25 **PRESCRIBE:**

26 **(I) A UNIFORM CITATION FORM CONSISTENT WITH**
27 **SUBSECTION (G)(1) OF THIS SECTION AND § 7-302 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE; AND**

28 **(II) A CIVIL PENALTY, WHICH SHALL BE INDICATED ON THE**
29 **CITATION, TO BE PAID BY PERSONS WHO CHOOSE TO PREPAY THE CIVIL PENALTY**
30 **WITHOUT APPEARING IN DISTRICT COURT.**

31 **(G) (1) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPHS (2) THROUGH (5)**

1 OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT OR A
2 CONTRACTOR OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAIL TO THE OWNER LIABLE
3 UNDER SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION A CITATION THAT SHALL INCLUDE:

4 (I) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE REGISTERED OWNER OF
5 THE VEHICLE;

6 (II) THE REGISTRATION NUMBER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE
7 INVOLVED IN THE VIOLATION;

8 (III) THE VIOLATION CHARGED;

9 (IV) TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE LOCATION OF THE
10 VIOLATION;

11 (V) THE DATE AND TIME OF THE VIOLATION;

12 (VI) A COPY OF THE RECORDED IMAGE;

13 (VII) THE AMOUNT OF THE CIVIL PENALTY IMPOSED AND THE
14 DATE BY WHICH THE CIVIL PENALTY MUST BE PAID;

15 (VIII) A SIGNED STATEMENT BY A POLICE OFFICER EMPLOYED BY
16 THE BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT, BASED ON INSPECTION OF THE
17 RECORDED IMAGES, THE MOTOR VEHICLE WAS BEING OPERATED DURING THE
18 COMMISSION OF A VIOLATION;

19 (IX) A STATEMENT THAT THE RECORDED IMAGE IS EVIDENCE OF
20 A VIOLATION; AND

21 (X) INFORMATION ADVISING THE PERSON ALLEGED TO BE
22 LIABLE UNDER THIS SECTION:

23 1. OF THE MANNER AND TIME IN WHICH LIABILITY AS
24 ALLEGED IN THE CITATION MAY BE CONTESTED IN THE DISTRICT COURT; AND

25 2. THAT FAILURE TO PAY THE CIVIL PENALTY OR TO
26 CONTEST LIABILITY IN A TIMELY MANNER IS AN ADMISSION OF LIABILITY AND MAY
27 RESULT IN REFUSAL OR SUSPENSION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION.

28 (2) THE BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT MAY MAIL A
29 WARNING NOTICE IN PLACE OF A CITATION TO THE OWNER LIABLE UNDER
30 SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION.

1 **(3) (I) BEFORE MAILING A CITATION TO A MOTOR VEHICLE**
2 **RENTAL COMPANY LIABLE UNDER SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, THE**
3 **BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAIL A NOTICE TO THE MOTOR**
4 **VEHICLE RENTAL COMPANY STATING THAT A CITATION WILL BE MAILED TO THE**
5 **MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL COMPANY UNLESS, WITHIN 45 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING**
6 **THE NOTICE, THE MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL COMPANY PROVIDES THE BALTIMORE**
7 **CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH:**

8 **1. A STATEMENT MADE UNDER OATH THAT STATES THE**
9 **NAME AND LAST KNOWN MAILING ADDRESS OF THE INDIVIDUAL DRIVING OR**
10 **RENTING THE MOTOR VEHICLE WHEN THE VIOLATION OCCURRED;**

11 **2. A. A STATEMENT MADE UNDER OATH THAT**
12 **STATES THAT THE MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL COMPANY IS UNABLE TO DETERMINE**
13 **WHO WAS DRIVING OR RENTING THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME THE VIOLATION**
14 **OCCURRED BECAUSE THE MOTOR VEHICLE WAS STOLEN AT THE TIME OF THE**
15 **VIOLATION; AND**

16 **B. A COPY OF THE POLICE REPORT ASSOCIATED WITH**
17 **THE MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT CLAIMED UNDER ITEM A OF THIS ITEM; OR**

18 **3. PAYMENT FOR THE PENALTY ASSOCIATED WITH THE**
19 **VIOLATION.**

20 **(II) THE BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT**
21 **MAIL A CITATION TO A MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL COMPANY LIABLE UNDER**
22 **SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION IF THE MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL COMPANY**
23 **COMPLIES WITH SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.**

24 **(4) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION**
25 **AND SUBSECTION (I)(5) OF THIS SECTION, A CITATION ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION**
26 **SHALL BE MAILED NOT LATER THAN 2 WEEKS AFTER THE ALLEGED VIOLATION.**

27 **(5) A PERSON WHO RECEIVES A CITATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF**
28 **THIS SUBSECTION MAY:**

29 **(I) PAY THE CIVIL PENALTY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH**
30 **INSTRUCTIONS ON THE CITATION, DIRECTLY TO BALTIMORE CITY; OR**

31 **(II) ELECT TO STAND TRIAL FOR THE ALLEGED VIOLATION.**

32 **(H) (1) (I) A CERTIFICATE ALLEGING THAT A VIOLATION OCCURRED,**
33 **SWORN TO OR AFFIRMED BY A BALTIMORE CITY POLICE OFFICER, BASED ON**

1 INSPECTION OF A RECORDED IMAGE PRODUCED BY A BUS LANE MONITORING
2 SYSTEM, SHALL BE EVIDENCE OF THE FACTS CONTAINED IN THE CERTIFICATE AND
3 SHALL BE ADMISSIBLE IN ANY PROCEEDING CONCERNING THE ALLEGED VIOLATION
4 WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OR TESTIMONY OF THE BUS LANE MONITORING SYSTEM
5 OPERATOR WHO PERFORMED THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS
6 SECTION.

7 (II) IF A PERSON WHO RECEIVED A CITATION UNDER THIS
8 SECTION DESIRES A BUS LANE MONITORING SYSTEM OPERATOR TO BE PRESENT
9 AND TESTIFY AT TRIAL, THE PERSON SHALL NOTIFY THE COURT AND THE
10 BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT IN WRITING NOT LATER THAN 20 DAYS
11 BEFORE TRIAL.

12 (2) ADJUDICATION OF LIABILITY SHALL BE BASED ON A
13 PREPONDERANCE OF EVIDENCE.

14 (I) (1) THE DISTRICT COURT MAY CONSIDER IN DEFENSE OF AN
15 ALLEGED VIOLATION:

16 (I) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THAT
17 THE MOTOR VEHICLE OR REGISTRATION PLATES OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE WERE
18 STOLEN BEFORE THE VIOLATION OCCURRED AND WERE NOT UNDER THE CONTROL
19 OR IN THE POSSESSION OF THE OWNER AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION;

20 (II) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION,
21 EVIDENCE THAT THE PERSON NAMED IN THE CITATION WAS NOT OPERATING THE
22 VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION; AND

23 (III) ANY OTHER ISSUES AND EVIDENCE THAT THE DISTRICT
24 COURT DEEMS RELEVANT.

25 (2) TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE MOTOR VEHICLE OR THE
26 REGISTRATION PLATES WERE STOLEN BEFORE THE VIOLATION OCCURRED AND
27 WERE NOT UNDER THE CONTROL OR IN THE POSSESSION OF THE OWNER AT THE
28 TIME OF THE VIOLATION, THE OWNER SHALL SUBMIT PROOF THAT A POLICE REPORT
29 ABOUT THE STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE OR REGISTRATION PLATES WAS FILED IN A
30 TIMELY MANNER.

31 (3) TO SATISFY THE EVIDENTIARY BURDEN UNDER PARAGRAPH
32 (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE PERSON NAMED IN THE CITATION SHALL PROVIDE
33 TO THE DISTRICT COURT EVIDENCE TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE DISTRICT
34 COURT OF WHO WAS OPERATING THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION,
35 INCLUDING, AT A MINIMUM, THE OPERATOR'S NAME AND CURRENT ADDRESS.

1 **(4) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY TO A CITATION THAT**
2 **INVOLVES A CLASS E (TRUCK) VEHICLE WITH A REGISTERED GROSS WEIGHT OF**
3 **26,001 POUNDS OR MORE, A CLASS F (TRACTOR) VEHICLE, A CLASS G (TRAILER)**
4 **VEHICLE OPERATED IN COMBINATION WITH A CLASS F (TRACTOR) VEHICLE, AND A**
5 **CLASS P (PASSENGER BUS) VEHICLE.**

6 **(II) TO SATISFY THE EVIDENTIARY BURDEN UNDER**
7 **PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE PERSON NAMED IN A CITATION**
8 **DESCRIBED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH MAY PROVIDE TO THE**
9 **DISTRICT COURT A LETTER, SWORN TO OR AFFIRMED BY THE PERSON AND MAILED**
10 **BY CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, THAT:**

11 **1. STATES THAT THE PERSON NAMED IN THE CITATION**
12 **WAS NOT OPERATING THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION; AND**

13 **2. PROVIDES THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND DRIVER'S**
14 **LICENSE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF THE PERSON WHO WAS OPERATING THE**
15 **VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION.**

16 **(5) (I) IF THE DISTRICT COURT FINDS THAT THE PERSON NAMED**
17 **IN THE CITATION WAS NOT OPERATING THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE**
18 **VIOLATION OR RECEIVES EVIDENCE UNDER PARAGRAPH (4)(II)2 OF THIS**
19 **SUBSECTION IDENTIFYING THE PERSON DRIVING THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE**
20 **VIOLATION, THE CLERK OF THE COURT SHALL PROVIDE TO THE BALTIMORE CITY**
21 **POLICE DEPARTMENT A COPY OF ANY EVIDENCE SUBSTANTIATING WHO WAS**
22 **OPERATING THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION.**

23 **(II) ON THE RECEIPT OF SUBSTANTIATING EVIDENCE FROM**
24 **THE DISTRICT COURT UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE**
25 **BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A NEW CITATION AS PROVIDED**
26 **IN SUBSECTION (G) OF THIS SECTION TO THE PERSON THAT THE EVIDENCE**
27 **INDICATES WAS OPERATING THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION.**

28 **(III) A CITATION ISSUED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS**
29 **PARAGRAPH SHALL BE MAILED NOT LATER THAN 2 WEEKS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE**
30 **EVIDENCE FROM THE DISTRICT COURT.**

31 **(J) IF THE CIVIL PENALTY IS NOT PAID AND THE VIOLATION IS NOT**
32 **CONTESTED, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY REFUSE TO REGISTER OR REREGISTER THE**
33 **MOTOR VEHICLE.**

34 **(K) A VIOLATION FOR WHICH A CIVIL PENALTY IS IMPOSED UNDER THIS**
35 **SECTION:**

1 **(1) IS NOT A MOVING VIOLATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSESSING**
2 **POINTS UNDER § 16-402 OF THIS ARTICLE AND MAY NOT BE RECORDED BY THE**
3 **ADMINISTRATION ON THE DRIVING RECORD OF THE OWNER OR DRIVER OF THE**
4 **VEHICLE;**

5 **(2) MAY BE TREATED AS A PARKING VIOLATION FOR PURPOSES OF §**
6 **26-305 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND**

7 **(3) MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED IN THE PROVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLE**
8 **INSURANCE COVERAGE.**

9 **(L) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT,**
10 **THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT SHALL ADOPT PROCEDURES FOR THE**
11 **ISSUANCE OF CITATIONS, TRIALS FOR VIOLATIONS, AND THE COLLECTION OF CIVIL**
12 **PENALTIES IMPOSED UNDER THIS SECTION.**

13 **(M) (1) THE BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT OR A CONTRACTOR**
14 **DESIGNATED BY THE BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER**
15 **AND PROCESS CIVIL CITATIONS ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION IN COORDINATION**
16 **WITH THE DISTRICT COURT.**

17 **(2) IF A CONTRACTOR PROVIDES, DEPLOYS, OR OPERATES A BUS**
18 **LANE MONITORING SYSTEM FOR THE BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE**
19 **CONTRACTOR'S FEE MAY NOT BE CONTINGENT ON THE NUMBER OF CITATIONS**
20 **ISSUED OR PAID.**

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2022.